

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An object of the invention is to provide a sheet feeding apparatus that can feed a sheet accurately and stably by eliminating sheet feeding problems such as double feeding and misfeeding. A plurality of sheets stacked on a lifting plate are fed to a separator plate and separated so that only one sheet will be transported with the rotation of a feed roller, and only the one sheet is thus transported downstream in a sheet feeding direction. When the one sheet has been transported to a target position reaching a transport roller and a pinch roller, a sheet aligning/pressing portion and a separator plate pressing portion displace the remaining sheets in a direction away from the feed roller, cause an abutting portion to move away from the feed roller, and prevent the remaining sheets from moving downstream in the sheet feeding direction.